Quotes

“IdahoPTV has played an essential role in helping us to maintain our sanity during the COVID pandemic! Thank you for your innovative programming that has brought us international and domestic news coverage, Masterpiece Theater, and the arts and humanities. You do make a difference.” – Ed

“I love Public Television and I believe we have the best local station. When traveling I am always surprised that other stations are not as good. I am also exceedingly grateful that you are so comprehensive and excellent in your programming. Thank you so much.”

– Richard and Susan

From all of the staff at Idaho Public Television, we’d like to extend an enthusiastic “Thank you!” to each of the businesses, organizations, philanthropists, donors and others whose generosity made our annual fundraising drive Festival a success!

A Calendar Filled With New Productions

April is the time of year when we all come out of our winter cocoons. It’s no different for the staff of Idaho Public Television. Our development team is wrapping up Festival, our biggest on-air fundraising event of the year; our finance department is preparing to work on budgets; our engineers are waiting for the snow to melt on the hilltops and readying themselves to do needed repairs.

After all the years I’ve been with IdahoPTV, it’s still the most exciting and fun time of the year.

Our local production team is especially busy planning for the next year of fieldwork. They typically plan out their work through the following March. April and May is the time they plan and research. June through September is the time they capture footage in the field. The long days give them a chance to get even more work done. And then they’re back in the edit bays in October.
What are we working on? Well, that changes from day to day, but here’s a preview.

Marcia Franklin and Troy Shreve are focused on a new arts program that will tell the intriguing and untold stories of Idaho artists.

You may have heard that Bruce Reichert is stepping back from his role as executive producer and host of Outdoor Idaho. It’s a show IdahoPTV is known for and one that we greatly respect, so our crew will continue the tradition into the future.

From wildflowers to the Bitterroot Mountains, from extraordinary athletes to rodeos, Outdoor Idaho hasn’t lost momentum at all. And then we’re going to celebrate the 40th year of Outdoor Idaho in October. Don’t miss this one. It will be a lot of fun.

The Idaho Experience crew won’t let you down either with topics like myths, monsters and legends of Idaho and how the Homesteading Act of 1862 began to bring people to this state.

And then there’s The Idaho Debates, which will air throughout April and the first part of May, new video shorts from Science Trek and more.

Thanks for joining us each month!

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The Idaho Debates is returning to Idaho Public Television this primary election season.

Qualifying candidates in statewide and congressional primary races are invited to participate in debates hosted by Idaho Public Television moderators. Reporters representing all corners of the state will ask questions on behalf of the Idaho Press Club.

Each program will be broadcast on IdahoPTV and available online at https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahodebates/.

The Idaho Debates is produced in partnership with the University of Idaho McClure Center, Boise State University’s School of Public Service, Idaho State University, the League of Women Voters, and the Idaho Press Club.

Find the most up-to-date schedule of debates at https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahodebates/.

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Pinwheel Award

On March 30, IdahoPTV was awarded the Idaho Children’s Trust Fund’s Pinwheel Award for our work in developing the Resilient Idaho documentary and creating learning opportunities. This award was given by the Board of the Trust Fund to organizations and individuals who have made a significant contribution to efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
In the Community

“Day of the Young Child”

Join us Saturday, April 16, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Ann Morrison Park in Boise for Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children’s “Day of the Young Child.” This event is open to the public and is geared for families with children ages 0-5. There will be many different booths focusing on education for the young child. IdahoPTV will be there with hands-on math activities and Peg+Cat handouts, plus information on IdahoPTV’s role in education for the young child.

Parent Talk Virtual Event “Getting Ready for Kindergarten!”

Parents, caregivers, and childcare providers: Are your little ones ready to start school?

Join Idaho classroom teachers and Idaho Public Television’s family education specialist Florina Ruvio on April 27 at 8 p.m. Mountain time/7 p.m. Pacific time via Zoom to discuss specific actions you can take to prepare your child for their first year of school.

We’ll share tools for helping kids learn letter recognition, games that incorporate counting, and more.

Education begins at home!

Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuusqz8iHNCj8pMt0kOsUpU7MR8uGtTF

On the Road Again

Our Idaho Public Television education team is once again traveling to communities around the state as we work to fulfill our mission to serve parents and caregivers, formal and informal educators, and community organizations focused on children’s education.

IdahoPTV community education specialist Trisha Mick met with more than 650 children and families in a dozen different events in February, hosting in-person early learning programs, sharing valuable resources, guiding STEM interactives, and supporting librarians and other informal educators in south-central Idaho.

IdahoPTV family education specialist Florina Ruvio is working closely with early childhood educators in American Falls on their successful preschool collaborative, providing guidance, materials, and in-person support.

American Falls preschool engagement coordinator Whitney Lankford says, “I just really appreciate the presence that PBS has had in our community and the effort [staff has] made to be involved. The quality of our events is because of the presence of PBS.”

IdahoPTV education manager Kari Wardle has created a new professional development course for Idaho teachers, available online through Idaho State University. Resilience: Hope Lives Here is a self-paced course designed to help teachers adopt trauma-informed practices and create a trauma-informed classroom.
Three webinars focus on self-care and mental wellness, trauma-informed classrooms, and practical applications and ideas for managing trauma in the classroom. Idaho is ranked fifth in the nation for children with three or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which is why it is so important to have trauma-informed teachers in our state.

Find more information on the new course at https://www.idahoptv.org/resiliencePD. Find more on IdahoPTV education at https://www.idahoptv.org/education.

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**Our IdahoPTV Productions**

**Science Trek**

“Soil”

Soil is more than just dirt. In new video shorts, host Joan Cartan-Hansen shows why soil is essential to life, meets some young soil scientists from Kuna, explains how the SMAP satellite surveys Earth’s water and soil, and reveals some animals that make their homes by burrowing in the soil.


The Science Trek website has facts, games, links, and lesson plans correlated to Idaho and national science standards.

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**Links to IdahoPTV’s Recent Local Productions**

**Outdoor Idaho “The Next Chapter”**
https://video.idahoptv.org/video/the-next-chapter-s9mlqp/

**Idaho Experience “Tracks of Time: The History of Idaho’s Railroads”**